

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

PUBLIC HEARING

concerning
Renewal of NPDES Permit
and
Cease and Desist Order
for

**PLACER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY SERVICES
SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
PLACER COUNTY**

Placer County Department of Facility Services, Placer County Sewer Maintenance District No. 1, owns and operates a wastewater collection, treatment, reclamation, and disposal system, and provides sewerage service to the unincorporated area of North Auburn in Placer County. The existing Wastewater Treatment Plant is an advanced secondary treatment plant and consists of the headworks, primary sedimentation, secondary treatment consisting of Rotating Biological Contactors (RBCs) and secondary clarifiers, gravity filters, chlorination, and dechlorination. During high flows, partial wastewater flow may currently be directed around the filters to the chlorination basins to avoid hydraulic overloading of the filters. The filters must be fully utilized and the proposed Order contains a compliance time schedule to determine if best practicable treatment and control of the discharge is being provided. The treated disinfected wastewater is discharged to Rock Creek, which is tributary to Dry Creek and Coon Creek, with eventual discharge to the Sacramento River, the Feather River, and Valley View Reservoir. The Board considered this matter at the April 2004 public meeting and continued the hearing to allow additional time for staff discussions with the Department of Health Services regarding their recommendations for treatment levels and to allow for information on the wastewater regionalization efforts to be developed. The Board will consider renewal of the Discharger's NPDES Permit CA0079316, Waste Discharge Requirements. A Cease and Desist Order is proposed to rescind existing Cease and Desist Order No. 96-087 and provide a compliance time schedule for meeting new effluent limitations. As a possible means of compliance, Placer County is assessing tying into a regional wastewater system at the City of Lincoln. The permit is structured to allow regionalization as a means of compliance, if proven feasible.

The **formal** public hearing concerning this matter will be continued at the Regional Board meeting that is scheduled for:

DATE: 17 and 18 March 2005
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Board Office
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Regional Board
- Placer County Staff

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Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Board no later than **1 March 2005**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular, how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

The tentative amendment to Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2003-0084 was issued on 26 January 2005. Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item must submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Board no later than **1 March 2005**. Written evidence or comments submitted after 1 March 2005 will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Anyone having questions on the renewal of the NPDES permit for the Placer County Department of Facility Services, Sewer Maintenance District No. 1 Wastewater Treatment Plant should contact **Richard McHenry at (916) 464-4655**. Interested parties may download the proposed Orders and related documents from the Regional Board's Internet website at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb5/tentative/>. If you do not have Internet access, these documents may be inspected and copied at the Regional Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. by appointment.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 *et seq.* and are available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 *et seq.* The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water_laws/index.html. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Board's website at http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb5/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922. Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

Kenneth D. Landau, Assistant Executive Officer
26 January 2005